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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Centurylink has said clearly that it does not intend to improve broadband service in rural areas of the Gorge except when it is paid to improve service. Please do not eliminate any possible competition to this monopolistic behavior and leave us at the mercy of one company. We need to have broadband service that meets ever-improving standards of the national economy. We also need reasonable prices which competition can help assure. Currently we have no recourse when Centurylink increases prices, regardless if they are justifiable.

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